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Arctic Priorities

- Balanced thematic pillars of the Arctic Council during the US Chairmanship 2015-17:
 - Arctic Ocean Safety, Security, and Stewardship
 - Improving Economic and Living Conditions
 - Addressing Impacts of Climate Change
- Arctic as a region of stability, peace and international cooperation
- Arctic climate change impacts locally and globally



Ambitious and Balanced Agenda



ARCTIC COMMUNITIES

- Renewable Energy
- Community Sanitation & Public Health
- Water Resources
- Vulnerability Index
- Freshwater Security
- Telecommunications
- Infrastructure
- Suicide Prevention & Resilience

ARCTIC OCEAN

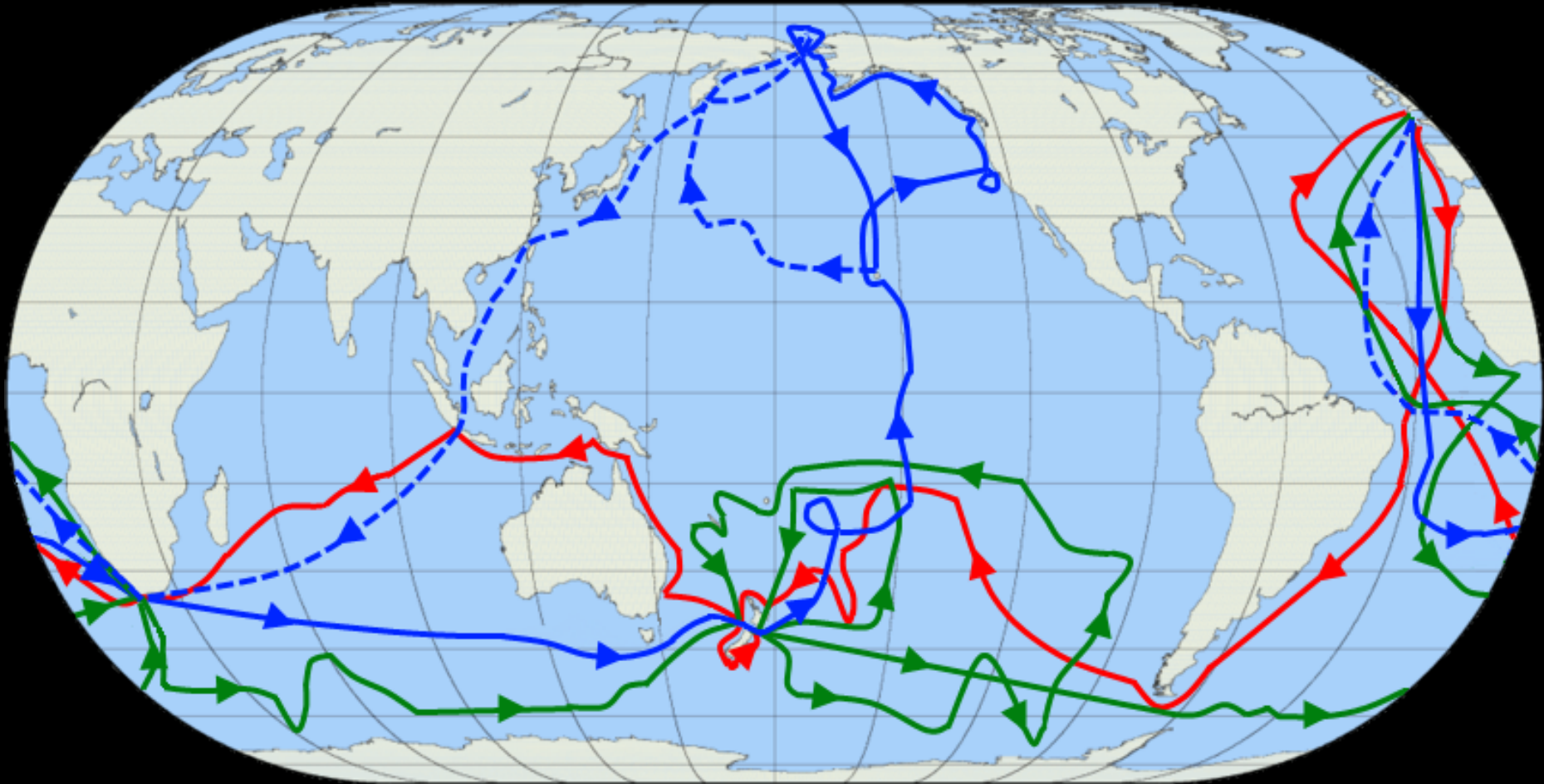
- Search & Rescue Exercises
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Marine Protected Areas Network
- Arctic Ocean Cooperation
- Arctic Ocean Acidification

ARCTIC CLIMATE

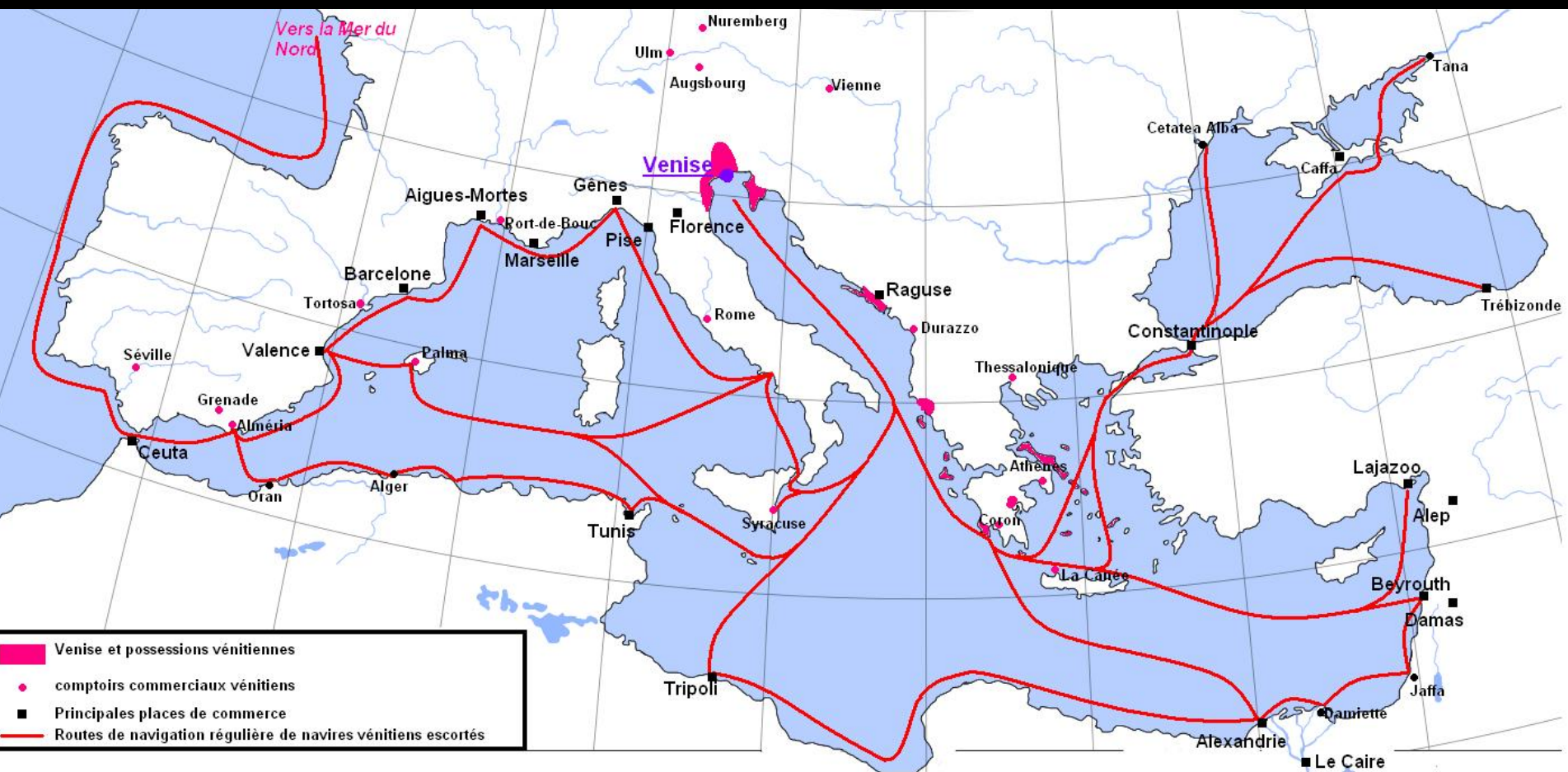
- Short-lived Climate Pollutants
- Arctic Climate Adaptation & Resilience
- Pan-Arctic Digital Elevation Map
- Climate Change Indicator System



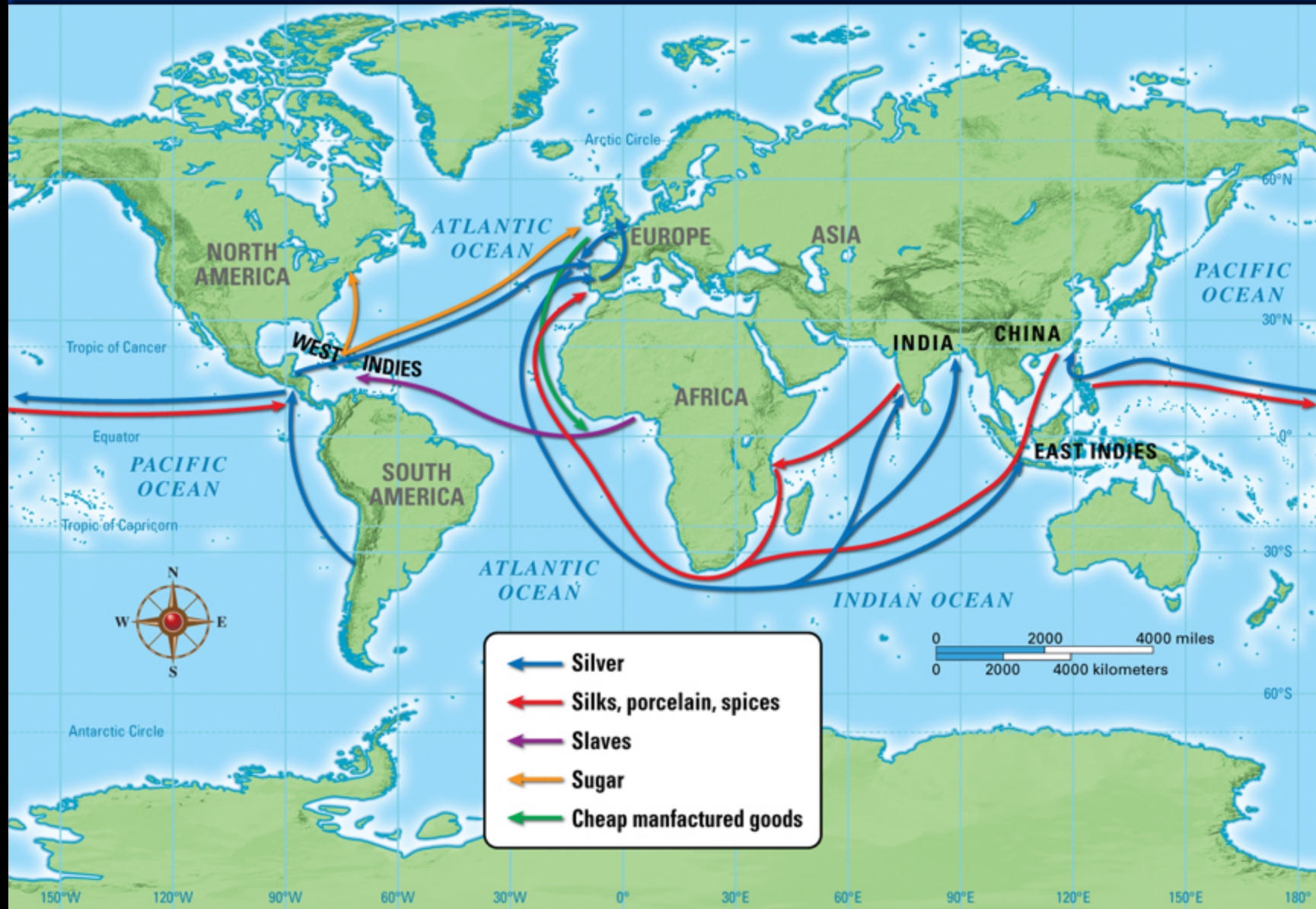
Tracks of Cook's Three Voyages

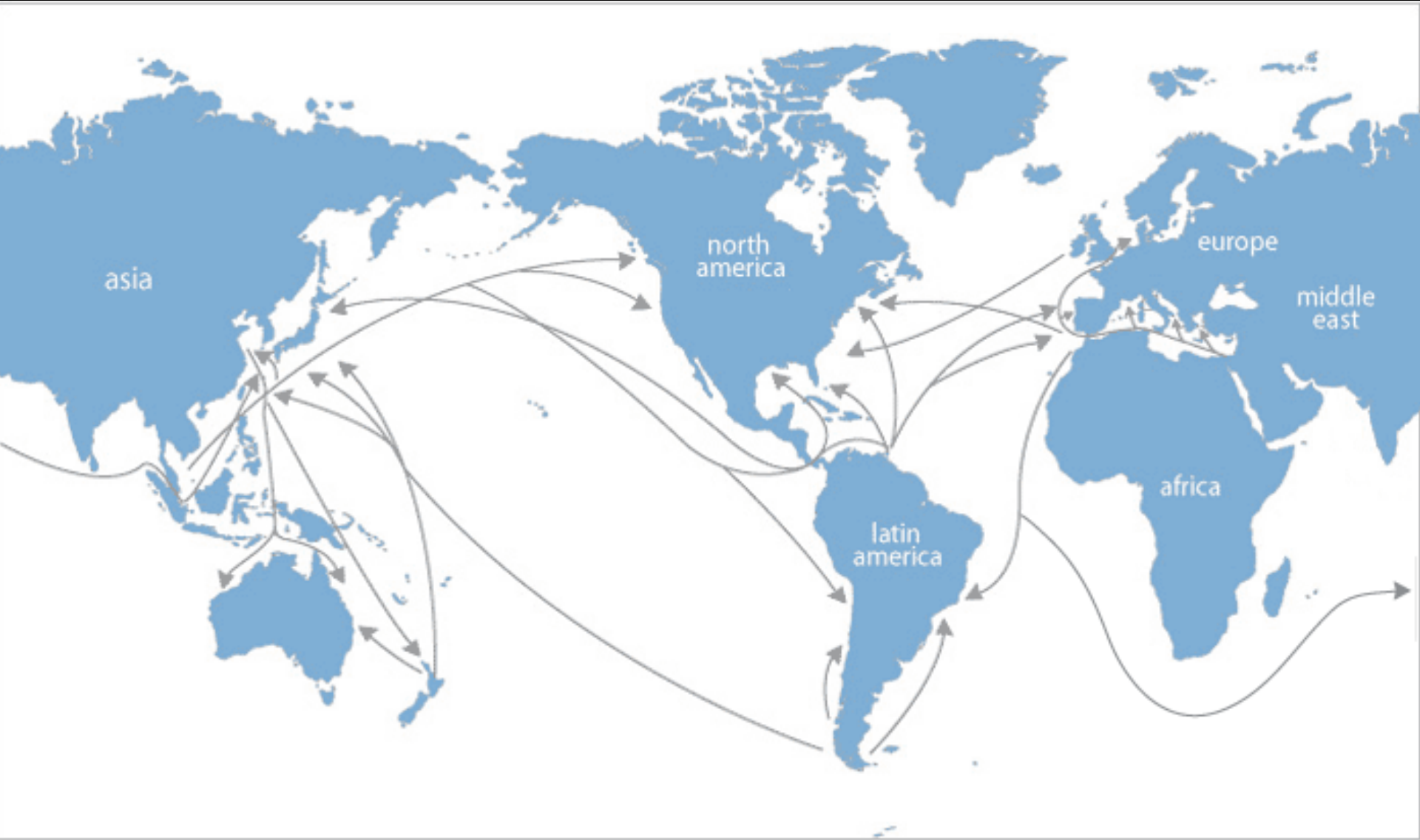


Red = Endeavour (1768-1771)
Green = Resolution & Adventure (1772-1775)
Blue = Resolution & Discovery (1776-1780)

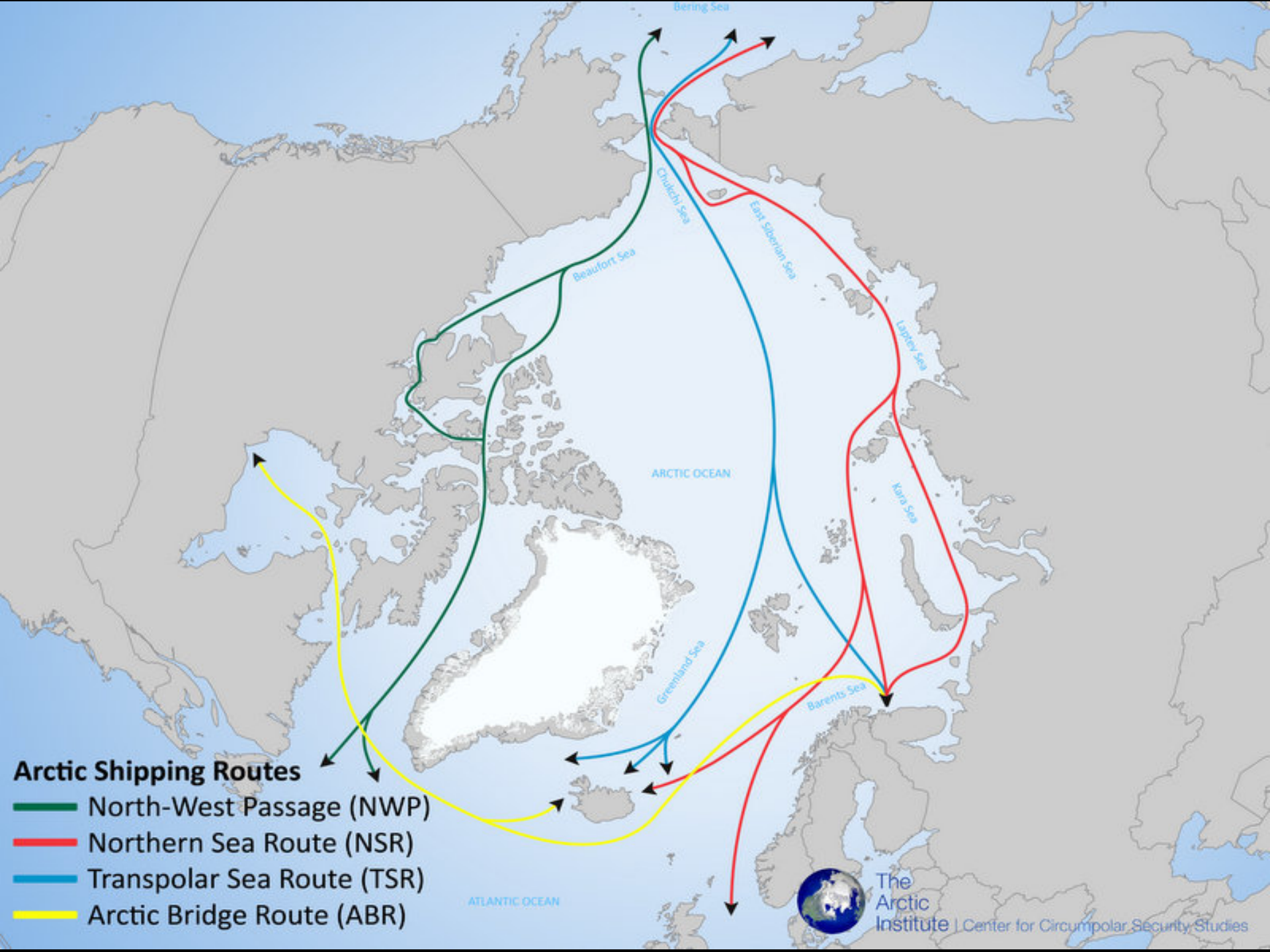


World Trade Patterns 1500s and 1600s









Arctic Shipping Routes

- North-West Passage (NWP)
- Northern Sea Route (NSR)
- Transpolar Sea Route (TSR)
- Arctic Bridge Route (ABR)

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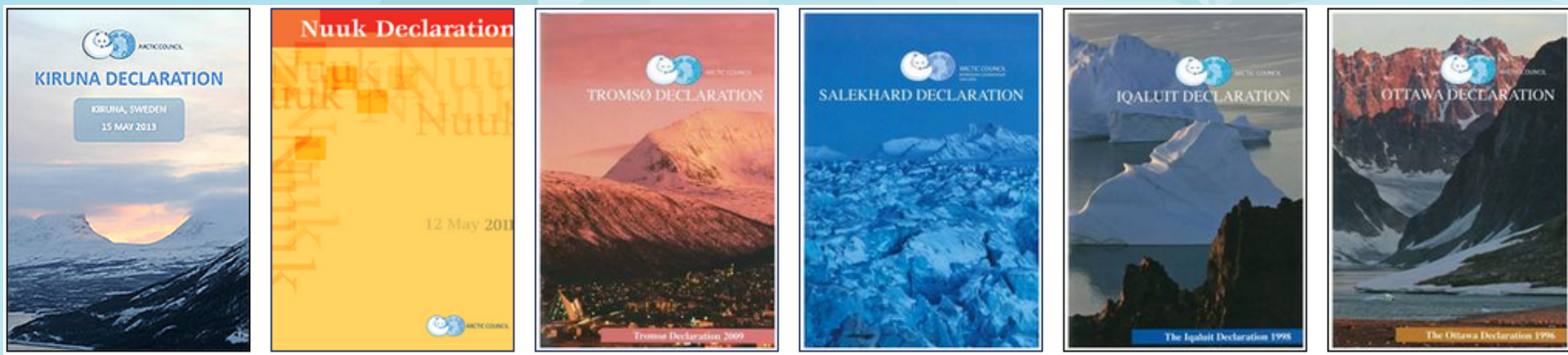
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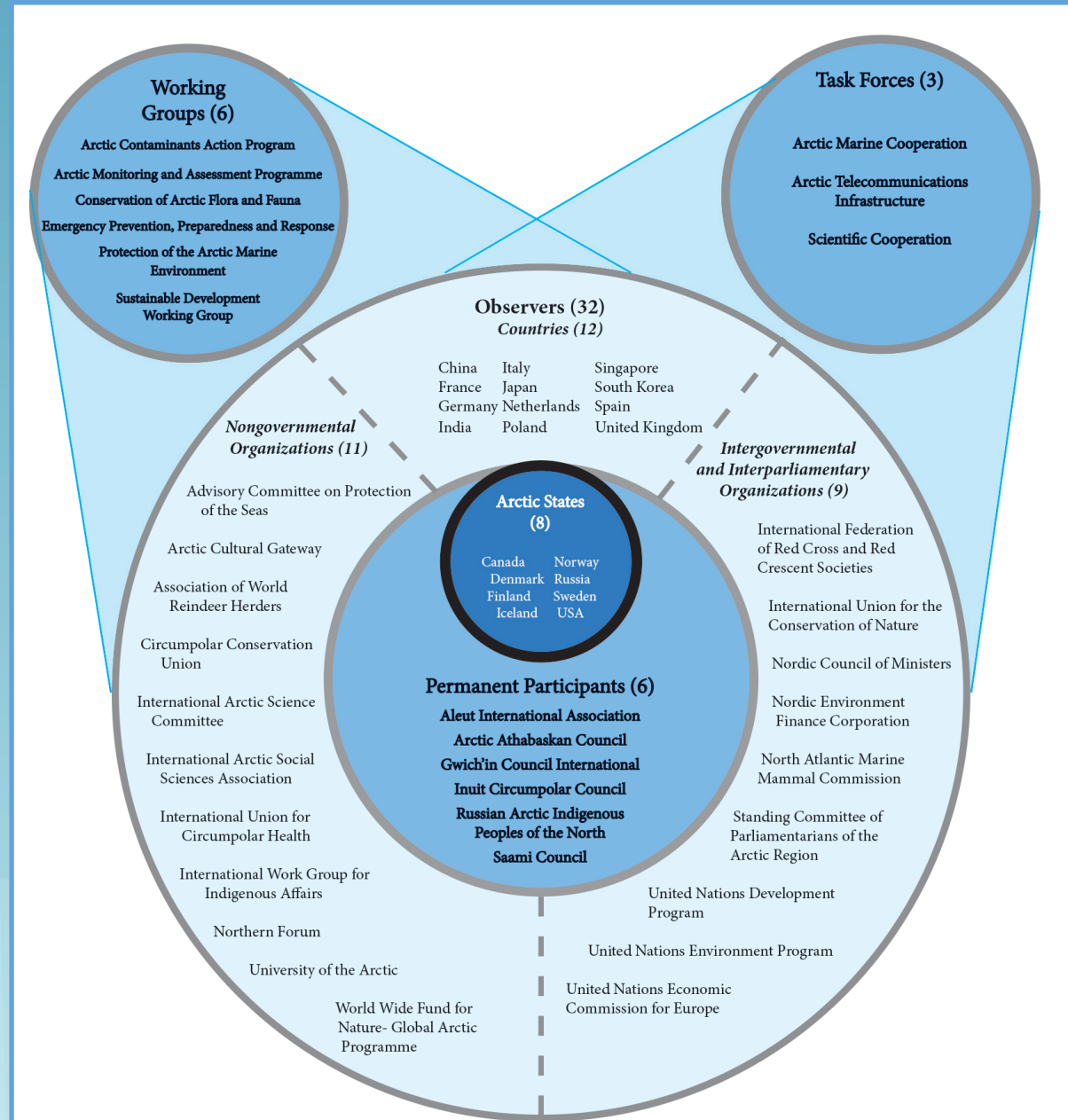
History and Mandate of the Council

The Ottawa Declaration (1996) formally established the Arctic Council as a high level intergovernmental forum to promote cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, with the involvement of the Arctic indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues.

Particular emphasis on sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic; military security issues are specifically excluded from the Council's mandate.



Arctic Council Structure: U.S. Chairmanship



U.S. Chairmanship Team

Chair of the Arctic Council: *Secretary of State John F. Kerry*

U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic: *Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.*

Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy: *Fran Ulmer*

Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials: *Ambassador David Balton*

U.S. Senior Arctic Official: *Julia L. Gourley*



Overarching Goals

- Continue strengthening the Arctic Council as an intergovernmental forum
- Introduce new long-term priorities into the Arctic Council
- Raise Arctic and climate change awareness domestically and across the world